



Chriss Lake TR. NO. 016

Escalante Ranger District, Dixie National Forest

General Description: A day hike through meadows and aspen forests to a high mountain lake. For a longer day hike or multi day hike see Deer Creek Lake Tr. No. 015 and the Deer Creek Section of the Great Western Tr. No. 001.9

Mileage: 1.8 miles to Chriss Lake. 2.3 miles to the junction with the Deer Creek Section of the Great Western Trail. (One way)

Difficulty: Hike: moderate/strenuous
Bike: not recommended
Horse: easy/moderate
ATV: not permitted

Trailhead access: Accessible by 2-wheel drive just off of Highway 12. Turn around and unloading area for horse trailers.

Elevation loss / gain: 800 feet

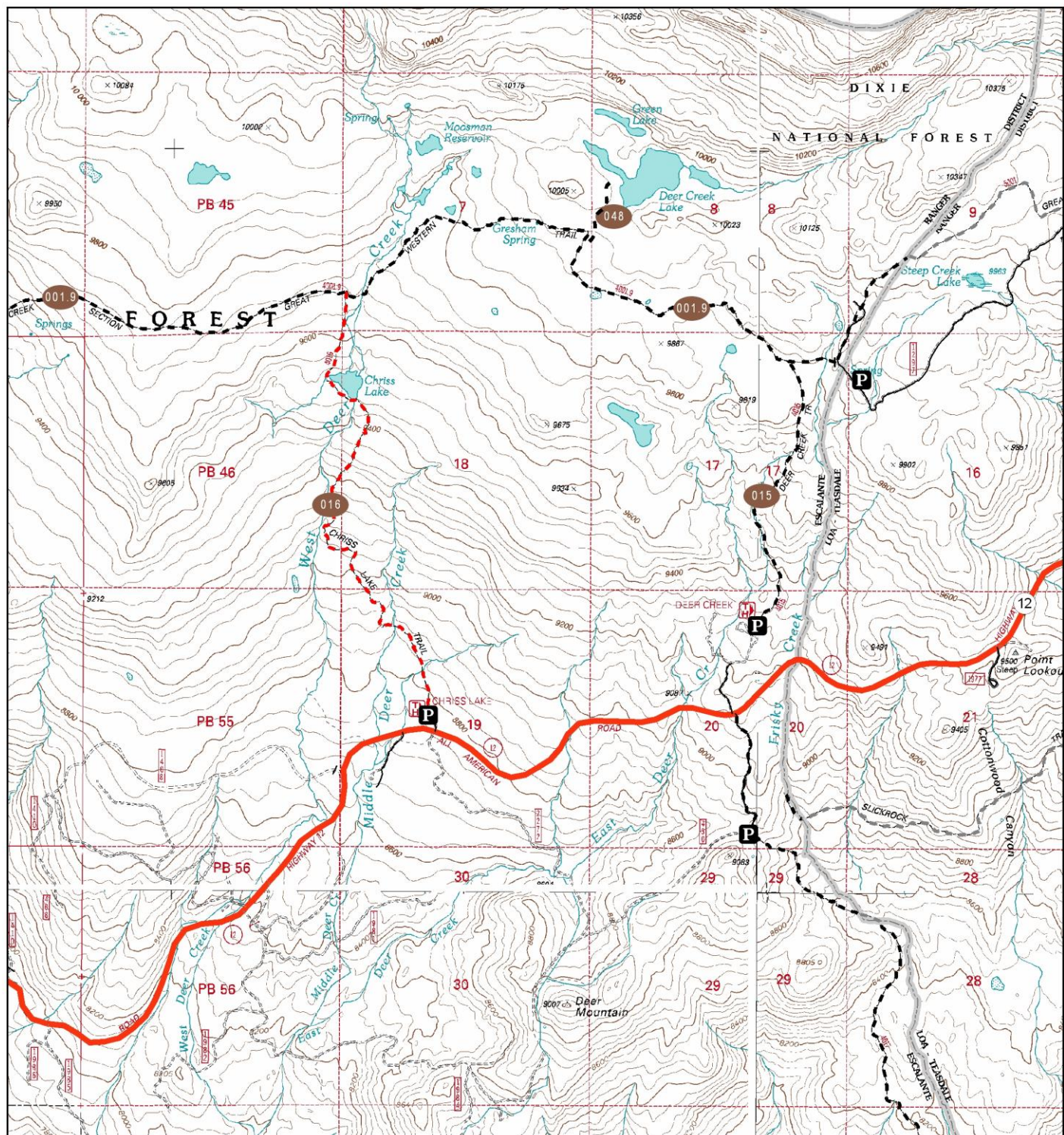
Water availability: Water is available at Chriss Lake and other nearby lakes and streams. Filter or treat all water.

Hazards / obstacles: Sections of the trail can be difficult to follow. Look for cairns and blazes marking the trail. Mosquitoes are prevalent in spring and early summer. Wear a long sleeve shirt and pants and use insect repellent. Weather can change quickly. Be prepared for cold weather year-round. Ridges, saddles, view points and open meadows are dangerous during thunderstorms.

Topo maps: USGS 7.5 minute quads: Deer Creek Lake

The Trailhead: From Boulder drive east on Hwy 12 to the Chriss Lake trailhead sign between mileposts 96 and 97 and turn left. Park at the trailhead parking area.

The Trail: From the trailhead take the trail at the north end of the parking lot. The trail begins its moderate climb and quickly enters the aspen forest. After about 0.9 miles a small meadow opens to the left of the trail, but you quickly return back in to the aspen forest. The trail continues climbing to Chriss Lake (1.8 miles). To continue on the trail north to the junction with the Great Western Trail, follow the trail across the dam and around the west side of Chriss Lake. Some good campsites can be found on the west side of the lake. At the northwest end of the lake the old Chriss Lake trail comes in on the left (west). Continue northeast on the trail around the lake. At about 2.1 miles a trail will come in on the right (this trail takes you to the east side of Chriss Lake). Stay straight (north). At 2.3 miles the trail will join with the Deer Creek Section of the Great Western Trail.



Legend

- 001.9 GWT Deer Creek Section Non-Motorized Trail
- 015 Deer Creek Trail Highway
- 016 Chriss Lake Trail Main Forest Road (All Vehicles)
- 048 Deer Creek Lake Trail Forest Road (All Vehicles)
- 132 Road Number Seasonal Road (All Vehicles)
- 12 Highway 12 Closed Road (For Reference Only)
- P Trailhead

